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1. In a meeting of 26 May 1955, the chief of the Department of Research and Development (Abteilung Forschung und Entwicklung) of the Ministry of General Machine Construction announced the expected early completion of four types of gauge-changing (Umspur) rotary axles (Drehachsen) for railway rolling stock. The four types are:

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- a. 1 model of Goerlitz manufacture
- b. 2 models of Reichsbahn manufacture
- c. 1 model of Soviet manufacture

2. It was pointed out during this meeting that, in view of the strategic and economic value of the project, a special effort would be made to expedite its completion.

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